

Appendix J : Tree Stands/Hunting Blinds

Permanent tree stands and ground blinds are prohibited in the Town Forest.

Temporary tree stands and ground blinds are allowed from the third Saturday in August through the third Saturday in December. Tree stands or blinds need to be registered with the Town.

Tree stands or temporary blinds must be constructed according to the following requirements:

- No damage may be done to any living tree in erecting, maintaining, using or accessing the stand or blind.
- Dead limbs, trees or shrubs may be removed as needed to erect and use the stand or blind.
- No live limbs, trees or shrubs may be cut for any purpose except those one inch or less in diameter at either ground level or from the main stem or branch of the tree where the stand or blind is located as appropriate.
- No nails, bolts, screws (including access steps), wire, chain or other material that penetrates through a living tree's bark into the wood below shall be used in erecting, attaching, maintaining or using any stand or blind.
- All tree stands or ground blinds used on the Town Forest must be clearly, permanently and legibly marked with the owner's name and address, so that it can be read conveniently and easily.
- Tree stands and ground blinds that do not conform to this regulation are prohibited and may be confiscated and/or destroyed by the Town.

To register a tree stand or temporary hunting blind in the town forest, contact the Marshfield Town Clerk.